

Washington, DC – Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) released the following statement after being sworn-in to the 112th U.S. Congress:

“As the 112th Congress is called to order, I look forward to getting to work to address the core issues of concern to residents on the central coast. From generating jobs to supporting sustainable agriculture, I am prepared and ready to work under our new political realities to secure thriving communities for future generations across Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

In November, the voters sent a strong message. They want congress to drop partisan politics and focus on the greatest challenges facing our nation: getting Americans back to work and reducing the national deficit. The American people want their leaders to put job creation first, and fight to ensure a thriving middle class, while not losing sight of our responsibility to be fiscally responsible.

But as we enter a new session of congress, the new Republican majority has already turned a deaf ear to the voice of the American people. They have signaled that their top priority is to repeal health care reform that today is extending healthcare to millions of people—instead of focusing on job creation.

I stand committed to reaching across the aisle—as I did for years in Sacramento and under 12 years of GOP control in Congress—to work on bipartisan legislation that moves our economy forward, generates employment and fortifies our middle class. But I am equally committed to fighting against Republican agendas that provide tax cuts to the wealthiest and repeal attempts that deny families and seniors access to healthcare.”

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